

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Whitehouse  
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Examiner: Kiet Tuan Nguyen  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the application as follows: